



On Wednesday afternoon, we will have several special presentations. We will recognize and celebrate the Chaplains of the Year who were nominated by chaplains, wardens, and superintendents. We will also have a Memorial Moment remembering the chaplains who have passed since our last conference.



### **Certificates**

Participants will receive a certificate for up to twelve (12) hours of in-service training based on sessions attended. Certificate must be presented by DOC Chaplains for training hour reimbursement.

# **PENNSYLVANIA PRISON CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION**



## **2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

### **Navigating Re-Entry in Challenging Times**

*September 1-3, 2020 to be held:*

Via Zoom Webinar

Detailed instructions will be emailed to  
all registrants

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## Navigating Re-Entry in Challenging Times

*Chaplains deal regularly with inmates who are preparing for re-entry into the community. This conference seeks to familiarize chaplains with the systems and challenges that inmates face when returning to the community, and seeks to equip them with tools to support inmates as they prepare for re-entry.*

**Elizabeth Hardy, LICSW** (“Liz”) has almost 20 years of experience working as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. She currently has her own private practice working with adults and young adults with various mental health issues including but not limited to anxiety, depression, bipolar, LGBTQ issues as well as PTSD and trauma work. She also does private consulting work for Massachusetts State Department of Probation and Parole working with men and juveniles who have committed sexual offenses and are now living in the community.

**Abby Trovinger** currently serves as an Assistant Counsel for the Department of Corrections handling inmate litigation, and advises the DOC on sentencing and First Amendment issues in the institutional setting. Abby is a graduate of the University of Delaware and the Widener Commonwealth School of Law. Abby previously served the state as counsel for the Department of Transportation and the Department of Human Services. She was also a Deputy District Attorney at the Dauphin County District Attorney’s Office for 5 years prior to coming to DOC. As a prosecutor, Abby handled all types of adult criminal matters and specialized in child abuse cases.

**Maureen Barden** is currently one of eight Governor-appointed members of the Pennsylvania Parole Board. She has been serving in that role since her confirmation by the State Senate in February 5, 2018. She has worked within various areas of the criminal justice system for over 40 years, including 21 years as a local and federal prosecutor.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Networking / Trial Session	2:00-2:45 PM
Networking / Trial Session	6:45-7:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Welcome and Introductions	9:00-9:45 AM
Panel - Covid Experience	10:00-10:45 AM
Elizabeth Hardy	11:00-11:45 AM
Lunch	11:45AM-1:00PM
Elizabeth Hardy	1:00-1:45 PM
Heather Hunnicutt	2:00-2:45 PM
Chaplain of the Year / Memorial	3:00-3:30 PM
Dinner	
Optional Q & A	6:00-7:30 PM

### Thursday, September 3, 2020

Legal Issues - Re-Entry/Updates	9:00-9:45 AM
Legal Issues	10:00-10:45 AM
Business Meeting	11:00-11:45 AM
Lunch	11:45AM-1:00PM
Maureen Barden	1:00-1:45 PM
Workshops	2:00-2:45 PM
Closing / Words of Encouragement	3:00-3:30PM

*Session titles and times are subject to change.*

**Registration and Contact Information**  
Registration forms are available on our website  
<http://paprisonchaplains.org>

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**Rev. Heather Hunnicutt** serves as pastor of Salem United Church of Christ in Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania. She is a licensed professional counselor and maintains a small private counseling practice. Her areas of clinical expertise include religious/spiritual trauma, intellectual giftedness, and faith integration for persons in LGBTQ+ communities. Heather is passionate about helping persons heal from their traumatic experiences by addressing the whole person. She is a doctoral candidate at Evangelical Seminary, concentrating in restorative theology. Her particular interest is in constructive theology. Heather’s dissertation focuses on posttraumatic spirituality, specifically the ways in which a person may incorporate emotional, physical, and spiritual means to become more fully alive after trauma. She hopes this work will start conversations in clergy and counseling circles around how clergy can contribute to mental health, as well as how clinicians may better help clients of faith.

**Mary Friedline** is an attorney with the Governor’s Office of General Counsel assigned to the PA Department of Corrections. She came to the Department of Corrections in November of 2018 to establish a new risk mitigation/legal review function, where she coordinates legal reviews of sentinel events and works to identify areas of significant legal risk, including developing recommendations related to mitigation. Prior to joining the Department, Mary headed up the Attorney General’s Civil Litigation Section for the Western Region of Pennsylvania where she defended State agencies and employees in federal civil rights suits. In that role, she frequently defended Corrections officials and employees accused of First Amendment and RLUIPA violations.